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RECEPTION OF CELLULAR SERVICES IN VVIP AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is poor receptivity of the cellular services in the VVIP areas of NDMC and Lutyens Zone as reported in the Dainik Jagran dated September 2, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are only twelve cellular towers in the Lutyens Zone in New Delhi against the actual requirement of 135 towers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to improve the cellular services in the country particularly in New Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e) Poor receptivity of cellular services had been reported in some parts of Delhi, especially in Lutyen`s Bungalow Zone area and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) area. This problem is primarily due to inability of the operators to install the required number of telecom towers/cell sites in these areas due to the problems in getting the requisite permission from NDMC and other agencies. Now, the NDMC and other agencies have started granting requisite permission for installation of telecom towers/cell sites and necessary steps are being taken by the mobile operators to install additional mobile towers in these areas to improve coverage.